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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 29, 2005, the period for response having been extended for two (2) months by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract

Kindly replace the original abstract with the attached substitute abstract.